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November 12, 2003

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Bruce Duke
Acting Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Docket No. 2003-327-C
SGS&L File No. 5672/1500

Dear Mr. Duke:

Enclosed for filing, please find the original and 17 copies of KMC Telecom III, LLC's Petition to Intervene in Docket Number 2003-327-C. Please stamp the extra copies provided as proof of filing and return them to our courier.

Sincerely,

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**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA**

Docket No. 2003-327-C

In Re:)	
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Continued Availability of Unbundled High)	PETITION OF KMC TELECOM
Capacity Loops at Certain Locations and)	III, LLC TO INTERVENE IN
Unbundled High Capacity Transport on)	DOCKET NUMBER 2003-327-C
Certain Routes Pursuant to the Federal)	
Communication Commission's Triennial)	
Review Order)	
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Pursuant to Rule 103-836 of the Regulations of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"), KMC Telecom III, LLC ("KMC") submits its petition to intervene in the above-captioned Docket Number 2003-327-C. In support hereof, KMC shows as follows:

1. KMC is a telecommunications company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware. KMC, a facilities based competitive local exchange carrier, provides telecommunications services to customers throughout the State of South Carolina.

2. The legal name and address of KMC are as follows:

KMC Telecom III, LLC
1755 North Brown Road
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

3. The full name and address of the authorized representative of KMC are as follows:

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4. On November 7, 2003 the Commission issued an Order setting hearing dates and opening dockets for the state proceedings required by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in its Triennial Review Order of Section 251 unbundling obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers ("TRO").

5. KMC has an interest in the instant proceeding because the Commission's ruling will affect KMC's telecommunications services to its customers in South Carolina.

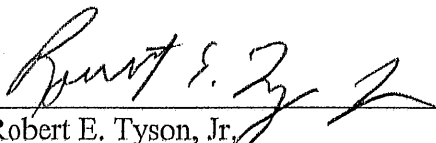
6. As a provider of these telecommunications services, KMC's interests are not adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding. Accordingly, KMC requests that it be permitted to intervene in this proceeding in order to protect its interest.

7. The position of KMC in this proceeding is to assist the Commission in its fact-finding role to conduct the impairment inquiries to determine if route-specific evidence demonstrates an impairment on any loop or transport routes in South Carolina.

8. KMC is informed and believes that granting its request to be made a party of record in this proceeding is in the public interest, is consistent with the policies of the Commission in encouraging maximum public participation in issues before it, and should be allowed so that a full and complete record addressing the views and concerns of KMC can be developed.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, KMC respectfully submits its intervention in the above-captioned Docket Number 2003-327-C and requests that it be permitted to participate therein with full rights as a party.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned employee of the law offices of Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC, counsel for **KMC Telecom III, LLC** do hereby certify that I have served counsel in this action, as identified below, with a copy of the document(s) hereinbelow specified by first class mail, postage pre-paid:

Pleadings: KMC Telecom III, LLC's Petition to Intervene in Docket
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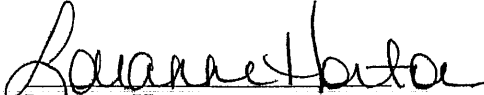
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